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For: **ADJUSTABLE SPINDLE ASSEMBLY FOR A GRASS TRIMMER**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated August 26, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 between three asserted species of the claimed invention: Group 1 (represented by independent claim 20); Group 2 (represented by independent claim 26); and Group 3 (represented by independent claim 33). The Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, and noted that there was no generic claim.

Applicant elects Group 2 with traverse. Claims 26-32 are readable thereon. Applicant submits that it would not be unduly burdensome to include all disclosed variations of the spindle shaft assembly in a single application.

It is believed that this represents a complete response to the election and restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action, and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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